

Application No. 10/715,181
Amendment dated September 28, 2005
Reply to Office Action of July 22, 2005

Docket No.: 209610-81670

REMARKS

Claims 1-49 are pending in this application. Claims 6, 9, 13, 19, 40 and 43 have been amended.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication in the most recent Office Action that (a) claims 22-37 are allowed and (b) claims 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 19, and 40-43 are allowable. With respect to the latter (allowable) group of claims, Applicant has specifically rewritten claims 6, 9, 13, 19, 40 and 43 in independent form, to include the limitations of the respective base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 10, 14, 41, and 42 depend from such newly-written independent claims.

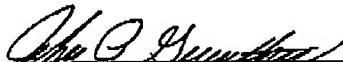
Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15-18, 20, 21, 38, 39, and 44-49 have been canceled without prejudice to expedite the issuance of a patent for the subject matter that was indicated as being allowed or allowable. Such cancellation should not be deemed to be an admission, implicit or otherwise, concerning any statements or findings set forth in the Office Action with respect to the canceled claims.

For the reasons set forth below, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant does not believe that any fee, other than that indicated on any corresponding transmittal papers, is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-3145, under Order No. 209610-81670 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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